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Dear Environment Committee,

My name is James Root and I live in Danbury. I support H.B. 6441 An Act Concerning Climate Change Adaptation. As resident of of a city facing existing and emerging environmental challenges, I would like to see the flexibility offered to municipalities, if they choose to use it, to better manage their water and climate change issues and, at the same time, have more funding available from the Green Bank. The other provision, contained in the bill, to preserve land is perhaps the best part and obviously would work in conjunction with the other provisions in the bill in giving Danbury and other municipalities a greater chance in meeting challenges, going forward, in staying livable, preserving property values, and doing right by future generations. (Nobody likes a conveyance tax per se, but the time has come, in our crowded state, to have the political brio to give municipalities this option.)

Sincerely,

James Root